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Numerous Dogs Taken from Suspected Puppy Mill will be Available at the Kent County Animal Shelter

GRAND RAPIDS – The Kent County Animal Shelter is working with the ASPCA to help save about 20 dogs that were taken from a suspected puppy mill last week. The dogs are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, and some could be ready for new homes later this week, after spay or neuter procedure and recovery. More than 150 dogs and pups were seized from the Missaukee County breeder, who was raising Jack Russell Terriers and Shiba Inus.

"Most of the dogs lived inside cages all their lives, so they may be a little shy at first," said Adam London, Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. "Still, we understand they exhibit good social behavior, and may need just a little training to adjust to life in homes. We are optimistic that we can adopt these dogs to good homes quickly, thanks to special adoption rates we are running right now,"

Two special gifts from the Michigan Animal Welfare Fund and GEORGE'S FUND (in memory of dog owner and KCAS supporter George Lewis) are allowing KCAS to run a dog adoption special - only \$50.00 (plus \$12 license fee) per dog, while funding lasts. This includes spay/neuter costs and getting the pet up-to-date on vaccinations. Cats and kittens are available for adoption for just \$5.

Kent County Animal Shelter 740 Fuller NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616.632.7300

FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR ADOPTION IN ADVANCE at **www.icpawz.com**, where you can also check out our featured pets.

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*
Saturday 8 a.m. - noon*
*Adoptions end one hour before closing
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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 260 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and four satellite clinics located in Wyoming, Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.